



# The Little White Paper

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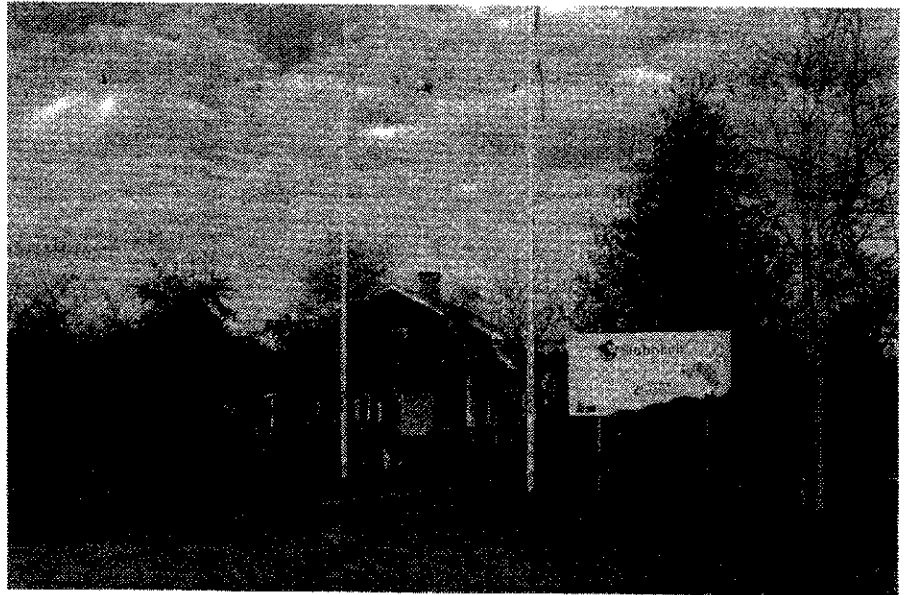
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## April Membership Meeting...

### Swenson describes farm life in Sweden in the 1800's

Darel Swenson, manager of Stubbult farms, located in the part of Sweden known as Smaland, will be presenting the historic aspects of 1880 Swedish farm life. Stubbult is a village of small-scale farms that have been preserved as they were in the nineteenth century. It is typical and representative of the Swedish farms from which thousands emigrated to America in the nineteenth century. Mr. Swenson has a power point with photos of historic buildings, fields, fences, 'cow ways', old world customs and farming methods.

The program will be held at the GVHS Historic Church at



Historic Stubbult is a village in the part of Sweden known as Smaland.

6731 Golden Valley Road,  
Golden Valley, MN. on  
Thursday, April 9, at 7 p.m.

Following the program, refreshments will be served. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### Golden Valley Federated Women's Club celebrates 40 years of community service

The Golden Valley Federated Women's Club will celebrate 40 years of contributing to the community through significant donations of money and volunteer time on Saturday, April 25, at the Sheraton Ridgedale. Celebrations will begin with a silent auction at 11 a.m., followed by a 12 p.m. salad luncheon and style show by Sonnie's. To attend this luncheon and reserve your \$25

tickets, call Jackie Wells at 763-529-5234. Some of the many contributions of the club to our community include initiating the city recycling program, awarding scholarships to local high school seniors, and supporting the Historical Society, police and fire departments and local hunger relief programs.

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### Cubs learn GV history

Local Cub Scout den members and leaders will be at the Society's Historic Church on Wednesday, April 1, at 6:15 p.m., to see and hear the history of Golden Valley as presented by Society Director Leone Johnson and Secretary Don Anderson. A slide show, an antique grind stone demonstration, an Indian trails map of Golden Valley, and the touch and feel of a buffalo hide lap robe are on the agenda.

## **Matching fund nearing challenge goal**

Historical Society members and friends of the society have contributed 80% of our \$7,500 goal to the Golden Valley City Council Matching Funds grant. In dollars and cents, this means that \$6,000 has been received to date. The Society needs to raise only \$1,500 more to claim the City Council Matching Funds grant.

Our thanks to those who have

already helped meet this challenge. We would appreciate hearing from members and friends who have not yet contributed. YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO REACH THE CHALLENGE GOAL.

Please send your check today, payable to the Golden Valley Historical Society, 7800 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427. Thank you!

## **Couples love the little church**

The following note was received by the Society in March, 2009: "Don, Thank you again for showing us around the Golden Valley Historical Society Historic Church. We absolutely fell in love with the simplicity and history. Please accept this \$50.00 deposit for an October 2, 2010 wedding. Jenni McCoy and Loren Doelz"

Most of the 51 brides, grooms and families who have used our facility have shared

similar sentiments about the Society's Historic Church. Smaller weddings have grown in popularity these days and more and more couples are learning about our museum/church and 'its history and simplicity', to quote Jenni McCoy. Know someone thinking about a small wedding? Have them contact Secretary Don Anderson for details at 763-588-8578 or maryand-don303@aol.com.

## **Historical Society will have a presence at Golden Valley Festival on May 15 and 16**

The Historical Society will again participate in the Golden Valley Festival on May 15th and 16th. Society members will drive an antique vehicle in the parade on Saturday starting at 9:45 a.m. and members will staff our booth with historical displays. President Ken Huber

will also have his antique riding toys available for kids to ride around our the Society booth. More volunteers will be needed to greet visitors. A sign-up registration to volunteer will be included with the May newsletter.

## **Senior residence plans antique appraisal program**

The seventh annual Antique Road Show is being planned by the Heather's Senior Residence at 2900 Douglas Drive, Crystal, for Saturday, June 20. Local appraisers have been booked to evaluate antique items brought to the Heather's Residence. The "gathering of the antiques" begins at 1:15 p.m. with the actual appraisal program starting at 2 and running until 4. A five dollar donation for each item appraised goes to the GV Historical Society's museum restoration project. Society volunteers are needed to be greeters and ushers at the event. A sign-up registration for volunteers will be included with the June newsletter.

## **Ohman wows crowd with state park photos**

The Golden Valley Historical Society March 12 general membership meeting featured Doug Ohman, of Pioneer Photography, with his, as usual, unique advance peek at his latest book, to be published next year, about Minnesota State Parks. His terrific photos brought many "ooh's and ah's" from the 39 members and guests present at the meeting.